A uniquely flexible and affordable way to master ancient Greek or Latin
About the Program

The Classics Post-Baccalaureate Program at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is for anyone who wants to attain and demonstrate proficiency in an ancient language at an advanced level. Our Program is unique in its flexibility: there are no language prerequisites and no set time limits on acquisition of the Certificate.

A Certificate is essential to anyone who hopes to undertake graduate study in Classics, but lacks the requisite ancient language experience. We also invite applications from graduates in all fields: Medieval Studies, History, English or other disciplines that require a good working knowledge of an ancient language. School teachers interested in adding Ancient Greek and/or Latin to their teaching repertoire should also consider our program.

Applying to the Program

- Applicants are not expected to take the GRE.
- Applying to the Rutgers Post-Baccalaureate Program is free of charge.
- There is no deadline: we offer rolling-admissions, though applicants are encouraged to apply by August 1st for full consideration for the Fall semester and by December 1st for the Spring.
- To begin the process, visit our website and fill out the application form. For more information contact: postbacc@rci.rutgers.edu

Program Benefits

Cost
Rutgers offers an attractive and competitive per-credit cost (even at the rate for out-of-state students).

Flexibility
Students need take only as many courses as are required to meet our already-low coursework minimum and for successful performance in the comprehensive exam.

Students can pace their courses as their outside commitments and budgets allow: there is no minimum credit requirement in any given semester and no time limits on the acquisition of the Certificate.

Beyond two required courses at the advanced level, students can take any number and type of our language offerings in preparation for successful performance in the exam.

The Department offers as many courses as is practical in the evening, enabling working professionals to enroll.

No pre-requisites
There are no pre-requisites for enrollment, and experience in ancient languages and Classics is neither required nor expected.

Access
The academic and professional-development resources of the Department are fully available to Post-Baccalaureate students, such as advising and references for applications to MA and PhD programs and teaching positions.

Students are fully welcome at all departmental events, including lectures and special programs.

Earning a Certificate

There is a minimum credit requirement for the Certificate of six credits at the 300-level or higher in the language for which the Certificate is being sought and a passing grade (of B- or higher) in a final comprehensive translation exam. This exam, based on a reading list, certifies competency in a language equivalent to at least four years of training at the college level and demonstrates familiarity with the major authors belonging to the Ancient Greek and Latin canon.

Grades attained in coursework are included on a transcript, as are successful completion of the exam and acquisition of the Certificate.